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Declaration of Onam day as a public holiday throughout the State.

* 752 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copy of a resolution passed at a Malayalee Conference held on 21st March 1953 at Madras under the auspices of the Kerala Samaj, requesting the Government to declare Onam day as a public holiday throughout the State; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that 'Onam' is the national day of rejoicing for Malayalees throughout the State and in view of the fact that hundreds and hundreds of Malayalees are employed in Government offices of this State and in view of the fact that Tamil New Years' Day and Telugu New Years' Day are declared as public holidays (I am glad at it), will the Hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether he will declare the 'Onam' which is a national day of rejoicing for Malayalees, as a public holiday? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This day, viz., 'Onam' is declared a public holiday so far as Malabar district is concerned. It might be there are thousands and thousands and not hundreds of Malayalees who are employed in Government offices. That is why they are permitted to take leave and enjoy the 'Onam' on that day."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிருஷ்ண ஜெயந்திக்கும், சிவராத்திரிக்கும் லீவ் விடும் இந்த சர்க்கார், மலையாளிகளின் சௌகரியத்திற்காக ஓணம் பண்டிகைக்கு என் லீவ் விடக்கூடாது ? தமிழ் வருஷப் பிறப்புக்கும், தெலுங்கு வருஷப்பிறப்புக்கும் இங்கு லீவ் விடப்படுகிறது என்று அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இந்த லீவ் மலையாள நாட்டில் அனுசரிக்கப்படுகிறதா என்று நான் அவரைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" அங்கத்தினரைக் கேட்கக்கூடாது. இதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்பே பதில் சொல்லிவிட்டார்கள்.

" The Hon. Minister has already answered the question."

Provision of Highway roads with dustless surface for the Kanhangad Panchayat.

* 753 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Kanhangad Panchayat Board in South Kanara district on 29th May 1953 requesting the Government to provide the highway roads in the Panchayat area with dustless surface; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The Highways roads in the Kanhangad Panchayat are proposed in the ordinary course, to be provided with black top surface during the next few years, subject to availability of funds."

T.B. Sanatorium at Tambaram.

* 754 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of T.B. patients in the T.B. Sanatorium at Tambaram, Madras, on 30th December 1953;

(b) the number of beds vacant on that day;

(c) the number of T.B. patients examined but refused admission for want of vacancy on that day;

(d) whether there is any special ward; and

(e) if so, the rate fixed per head for one day for that ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The number of patients on 30th December 1953 was 694.

" (b) Nil.

" (c) Nil.

" (d) Yes, Sir. There are three categories of special wards, i.e., cottages, two-bedded ward and semi-special ward.

" (e) The rates fixed per head for one day for the wards are as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cottages	3	12	0
Two-bedded ward	3	0	0
Semi-special ward	2	0	0"

Strength of the Civil Supplies Section in Board of Revenue and Secretariat.

* 755 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of gazetted officers and the strength of the other establishments in the Civil Supplies section of the Board of Revenue and the Secretariat before and after the removal of food control in the State; and

(b) how the retrenched personnel have been provided for?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A statement * showing the number of gazetted officers and the strength of other establishment in the Civil Supplies branch of the Board

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